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SUBJECT: LARGE TENT AVAILABILITY

REF: BAMAKO 1669

1. AID/W PROVIDED WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY CIRCUS
TENT MANUFACTURER IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:

(A) A CIRCUS TYPE TENT 100 X 200 FEET, SIDEWALL HEIGHT
10 FEET, HEIGHT AT PEAK 34 FEET, COSTS DOLS 42,401.60 FOB
FACTORY. SHIPPING WEIGHT IS 20,U0U LBS.

(B) SIMILAR TENT 80 X 200 FEET, SIDEWALL HEIGHT 1U FEET,
HEIGHT AT PEAK 29 FEET, COSTS DOLS 32,819.20 FOB FACTORY.
SHIPPING #EIGHT IS 16,UUU LBS.

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(C) SIMILAR TENT 60 X 120, TEN FOOT SIDEWALLS, HEIGHT AT

PEAK 21 FEET, COSTS DOLS 12,117.62, SHIPPING WEIGHT IS 7,200 LBS

2. ALL FORGOING WEIGHT AND COSTS INCLUDES POLES, STAKES, ETC. EXTREMELY UNLIKELY SUCH AN ITME CAN BE SHIPPED BY AIR. EACH TENT IS MADE TO ORDER. DELIVERY TIME ON (A) IS EARLY OCTOUER IF ORDERED NOW; (B) IS 2 AND ONE HALF MONTHS; AND (C) IS 2 MONTHS. TENTS ARE 12 OZ. WATER PROOF, FIRE RETARDANT CANVAS.

3. MANUFACTURER FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT A SIX MAN SET UP CREW GO WITH TENT TO PERFORM FIRST INSTALLATION AND TRAIN

LOCAL CREW. NONE OF SUCH PERSONNEL NO- EMPLOYED BY MANUFACTURER HAVE FRENCH ABILITY. AVAILABILITY OF SUCH A CRE- IS EXTREMELY LIMITED DURING SUMMER, MORE READILY AVAILABLE DURING WINTER.

4. SEPTEL IS REQUESTING COST AND AVAILABILITY FROM COMMERCIAL CENTERS/PORTS OF WEST AFRICA OF TARPAULINS AND PLASTIC SHEETING. BAMAKO IS INFO ADDRESSEE.

5. ALL U.S. TARPS RANGE ABOUT THE SAME PRICE, I.E., 11 - 12 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT REGARDLESS OF SIZE AND PURCHASER CAN SPECIFY SIZE AND SHAPE IF CUSTOM MANUFACTURE IS REQUIRED. IN QUANTITY PURCHASES THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR CUSTOM SIZE AND SHAPE.

6. HAVE REQUESTED THAT GRIFFOLYN CO. OF TEXAS SEND YOU VIA INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL SAMPLES OF THEIR PRODUCT, A PLASTIC, FIBER REINFORCED, SHEETING MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN 20 AND 100 FOOT WIDTHS UP TO 250 FEET LONG. CWR SAMPLE IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE. CAVEAT: ANY COVERING FOR GRAIN PACKAGED IN US PROVIDED POLYPROPYLENE BAGS MUST BE OPAQUE. ULTRAVIOLET OF SUNLIGHT CAUSES THESE BAGS TO DETERIORATE QUITE RAPIDLY, REQUIRING REBAGGING.

7. FOR LAGOS: ARE LARGE TENTS SUITABLE FOR GRAIN STORAGE AVAILABLE IN NIGERIA? KISSINGER

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